

# Village Of Cuyahoga Heights

**November 2013**

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## Current Activities:

### Sunday, November 3

Daylight-Saving Time Ends  
*Please set your clocks back 1 hour*

### Tuesday, November 5

Election Day - Village Hall Offices Closed

Don't forget to cast your vote at the  
Village Hall from 6:30 a.m to 7:30 p.m.

### Monday, November 11

Veterans Day Observed  
Village Hall and Service Department Closed

### Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day Observed  
Village Hall and Service Department Closed

### Friday, November 29

Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m.  
Post Thanksgiving Day Observed - Village Hall and  
Service Department Closed

### Christmas Stockings

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting us on Sunday, December 22, 2013 beginning at 11:00 a.m. and delivering Christmas stockings to our resident children of Cuyahoga Heights who are between the ages of 0-10. They will also be delivering gift certificates to our resident children who are 11 and 12 years of age.

Please note that you **must** register your children for them to receive a stocking or gift certificate. A registration form has been provided with this newsletter. Registration deadline is **Monday, December 2, 2013.**

## Meeting Reminders:

### Council Meetings (regular)

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

### Work Sessions of Council

4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.  
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

### Zoning Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

## Future Important Dates:

### Monday, December 2

Deadline for Christmas Stockings

### Sunday, December 22

Santa Visits Resident Children

### Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve - Village Hall & Service  
Department Closed

### Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day - Village Hall & Service  
Department Closed

Village Hall

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### From the Mayor:

I would like to thank everyone who came out and joined us at our Corn Roast last weekend. We were unsure how the day would play out – it rained all morning and continued as the event started, but by 5:00 p.m. the rain was gone and more and more people started to arrive. The event once again was a huge success – we even ran out of food! Our concessions brought in \$1,803.67 which was donated to the CHS PTO who disseminate the monies to various school organizations, as well as our scouts that helped. In addition, we had 17 CHS students who contributed over 90 hours of community service; that didn't include the service hours from students in chamber strings, the drum line, cheerleaders and cross country. Without the help and support of community volunteers, students, staff, family and friends, it wouldn't be possible. This is a great event that brings us all together in support of our school district, and we look forward to next year's event, continuing a tradition of excellence.



**Please remember those that have served our country or continue to serve in our military forces – Monday, November 11 is Veterans Day. Take the time to reach out and “thank” the brave men and women for their service, commitment and heroism. And remember to keep residents Joe Brotosky and Hunter Krenisky in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to serve our country, and a very special “thank you” to all our resident Veterans! We wouldn't be who we are today without our veterans...“land of the free, home of the brave.” God Bless America!**

November birthday wishes to employees: Pat Koran & Tom Nova – November 1; Councilwoman Barb Biro – November 3; Tom Kekelis – November 10; Clerk Bob Unger – November 27 and Mark Hine – November 28.

Congratulations to Village employee Ross Patterson who celebrates his 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Service Department on November 30.

Thank you to everyone for their patience during the construction on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street. I know it is an inconvenience with the dust, noise, traffic control – but once the project is completed, it will be well worth it.

### Good News from Around Town!

#### Foreclosed and Blighted property...

Foreclosures often mean abandoned properties that can lead to crime, neglect, and blight lowering the property values for the surrounding homes. To address these issues the Village is purchasing the parcel and home located at 4620 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, to try to mitigate these effects and will continue to aggressively evaluate residential and commercial properties on a case by case basis.





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### Good News from Around Town!(cont.)

Our friends at 3D Properties & Development, owners of the Heat Seal facility are investing! They have recognized the direction the Village is going and they're "On Board." Tom Dougherty President & CEO of Dougherty Development Corporation (*parent of 3D*) says "we are all in... we not only want to continue to do business here, but work with the Village on new opportunities as well."



Earlier this month we held our annual luncheon with the businesses in our Village. Jack Schron, President of Jergens, Inc., and District 6 Cuyahoga County Council Member, our keynote speaker, pointed out that Cleveland is on the rise and economically growing. Also in attendance was Expert Crane, our soon to be newest business in town. Mr. Jim Doty, President and owner of this family business introduced his company and its family employees, and is very excited about moving to Cuyahoga Heights. He noted that the last two cities where their company resided – they never met the Mayor, nor anyone from the local government; "Cuyahoga Heights has welcomed us with open arms and we're very excited to call this our new home." Expert Crane is in the final stages of **purchasing** the old Copper Brass facility at 5755 Grant Avenue; they will be bringing 20+ employees and about \$2.6-million in payroll and \$1-million in new investments.

*Expert Crane has served the industrial centers of Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Indiana since 1977 with experienced service technicians, specialists and support staff.*





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## Firefighters Community Credit Union Corporate Headquarters



I want to welcome our new neighbors and advise our residents on the facts of how this great opportunity will impact our Village long term. The Firefighters Community Credit Union (FFCCU) has four locations in the Cleveland area and has been in business since 1936. After a search of available existing buildings around northeast Ohio, earlier this year, FFCCU decided to build its consolidated headquarters facility in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights on approximately 2.0 acres of the roughly 4.0 acres of property that the Village had purchased, offered to FFCCU at no cost. The land was the former site of the Electric Welder Repair building, which the Village razed.

FFCCU's headquarters building will be approximately 15,000 square feet. Interior finishes in approximately 20% (3,000 sq. ft.) of the building will be completed at a later date, when needed to accommodate FFCCU's continued growth. In addition, the building can be expanded by up to 5,000 square feet in the future. The estimated cost to construct the building is expected to be in the range of \$2,500,000, which does not include the future cost to complete interior finishes or future expansion. FFCCU is expected to break ground in the next month and the project is expected to be complete in the first quarter of 2014.

Upon occupancy, FFCCU will relocate 20 full-time jobs and \$1,236,000 of associated payroll to the new facility initially. FFCCU also anticipates creating 10 additional new full-time jobs and approximately \$400,000 of associated payroll within several years of the building's opening.



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The project is expected to generate the following estimated tax benefits over ten years:

- \$370,000 in new municipal income tax withholdings.
- \$390,000 in new property taxes above the current base level.
  - \$29,000 of the new property taxes would be collected by the Village.
  - \$214,000 of the new property taxes would be collected by the Cuyahoga Heights school district.

In addition to the immediate tax revenue generation benefits outlined above, the project offers several other key benefits:

- ✓ **FFCCU will own the building, which indicates that the Company will likely occupy the building for a long period of time and maintain the building well.**
- ✓ **Nearly half of the site remains for future development.**
- ✓ **The FFCCU project creates an effective transition between the commercial/industrial section of East 71<sup>st</sup> Street and the residential and civic center of the Village.**
- ✓ **The FFCCU building can be expanded by nearly 1/3, creating the possibility for additional future tax revenue from payroll and property taxes.**
- ✓ **The FFCCU building will be one of only two office buildings in the Village, and its construction will help to better establish the Village's image as an appropriate location for future office development. Office development is generally regarded as the best form of development due to its high tax generation, support of the local residential and business community, and lack of associated nuisances such as truck traffic, noise, etc.**

Smart business for our future... the granting of land at no cost to attractive end-users to encourage development is a commonly used economic development tool. In the current environment of low interest rates, *with the Village likely earning a fraction of 1% return on its cash deposits, there is a very low opportunity cost, probably less than \$500 annually, to the use of Village funds for the acquisition, razing, and granting of the land.* Further, the value attributable to the land is well below the level of incentives that would typically be awarded for a new construction project that involves 20 to 30 new office jobs and the construction of a new office building.

In closing, I just wanted to say that we here in the Village continue to be blessed in a very uncertain world. So, from all of us... wishing each and every one good health, happiness and a very Blessed Thanksgiving!

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy*





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Our finances are solid. As of October we have used 81% of our budgeted expenses, and we have taken in 80% of our expected revenue. We are on track to stay within our budget, and have a reserve left over moving into 2014.

Let's talk about revenue.

Most of our revenue in our General Fund comes from jobs. For every job in the Village, we get approximately \$1,000.00 per year. We also get property taxes, but the Village receives only 9% of the total amount. For example, if you pay \$1,000.00 a year in property taxes, the Village gets \$90.00. The rest of your property taxes are divided between the Schools, the County, and the Library. Last year, the Village received approximately \$343,000.00 in Property Taxes, and this would include the residential as well as the businesses. With 250 homes in the Village, all paying approximately \$1,000.00 in property taxes, the Village would have received \$22,500 in residential property taxes, the rest is made up from businesses.

So if most of our revenue comes from jobs, what are we doing to bring more jobs to our Village?

When it comes to economic development, we have limited resources. Our Village is small and we don't have the land to develop another Charter Steel, or Alcoa. Plus, we are competing with every other community for any new companies to move in to our Village.

This Administration is constantly working with many small companies to fill some of our empty buildings and use some of our developable space, but the competition is fierce. Cuyahoga Heights is a great place to work being centrally located, but all communities are willing to give abatements and free land to compete for new businesses.

The new Firefighters Community Credit Union that will be built on E.71<sup>st</sup> Street is a great opportunity for our Village. They will bring approximately 20 jobs, which will bring \$20,000.00 a year or more for a long time. Bimbo Bakery and Expert Crane are new companies this administration brought to our Village. They brought many new jobs to our community and more jobs means more revenue.

These are the types of companies that we need to focus on. The ones that will be here long term, and continue to give us a revenue stream for many years.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, or stop in my office anytime, my door is always open.

Month Distributed	2010	2011	2012	2013	Difference from 2012	% change from 2012
JANUARY	464,817.62	584,669.79	531,947.49	644,593.83	112,646.34	21.18%
FEBRUARY	502,634.63	537,785.87	645,702.65	638,258.93	(7,443.72)	-1.15%
MARCH	705,699.36	824,604.94	818,935.60	817,199.06	(1,736.54)	-0.21%
APRIL	504,911.06	520,849.63	532,060.38	636,179.02	104,118.64	19.57%
MAY	606,055.61	557,801.31	685,629.54	633,944.39	(51,685.15)	-7.54%
JUNE	579,983.55	639,614.36	619,557.23	646,774.82	27,217.59	4.39%
JULY	538,533.45	545,762.77	637,580.56	590,649.46	(46,931.11)	-7.36%
AUGUST	403,205.45	498,636.91	602,701.42	591,619.13	(11,082.29)	-1.84%
SEPTEMBER	607,779.83	589,364.22	593,358.57	641,230.39	47,871.82	8.06%
OCTOBER	632,278.31	654,241.55	733,896.34	598,372.95	(135,523.39)	-18.47%
NOVEMBER	519,145.39	511,005.62	597,551.17			
DECEMBER	680,167.66	657,839.82	528,832.16			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,745,211.92</b>	<b>7,122,176.79</b>	<b>7,527,753.11</b>	<b>6,438,821.98</b>	<b>37,452.19</b>	<b>1.66%</b>



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### Fire Department:

#### Turkey Fryer Hazards

THE LATEST TREND IN COOKING A TURKEY is deep frying. However, if you don't take precautions, you may end up with an injury or fire. Deep fryers can be dangerous because:

- Many units easily tip over, spilling the five gallons of hot oil within the cooking pot.
- If the cooking pot is overfilled with oil, the oil may spill out of the unit when the turkey is placed into the cooking pot. Oil may hit the burner/flames causing a fire to engulf the entire unit.
- Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can cause a spillover effect. This too, may result in an extensive fire.
- With no thermostat controls, the units also have the potential to overheat the oil to the point of combustion.
- The sides of the cooking pot, lid and pot handles get dangerously hot, posing severe burn hazards.

#### Important Safety Information

If you absolutely must use a turkey fryer, please use the following tips.

- Purchase a factory-built unit, do not use homemade fryers.
- Use the fryer outside in a well-ventilated area.
- Place the fryer a safe distance from buildings and combustible materials.
- Do not use the fryer on a deck, in the garage, or other combustible surface.
- Ensure that the unit is on a flat, dry surface.
- Never leave the fryer unattended.
- Keep all pets and children away from the fryer before, during, and after use - it can remain hot for several hours.
- Do not overfill the fryer with oil.
- Use leather gloves or pot holders when touching the unit or lid.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and dry before placing it into hot oil.
- Place the turkey in the oil slowly; this may take up to a minute depending on size.
- Keep a multipurpose (ABC) fire extinguisher nearby in case of fire.
- Never use water to extinguish a turkey fryer fire; oil and water do not mix.
- If a fire occurs, clear the area and call 911.

#### Worth The Risk?

Underwriters Laboratories considers turkey fryers to be dangerous to use presenting numerous safety hazards to consumers. Based on their test findings, the fryers used to produce those great-tasting birds are not worth the risks. And, as a result of these tests, UL has decided not to certify any turkey fryers with the trusted UL Mark.

### Dispatch:

We have received some questions in regards to the use of the Emergency Sirens in the Village, the sirens are activated when a Tornado warning is put into effect by the National Weather Service in Cuyahoga County or a tornado has been sighted in the county. These sirens are used mainly for notifying the public who need to seek shelter while outdoors. These sirens are tested the first Saturday of each month at noon.

### Election Day

Please exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 5. The polls will be open at the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall in the auditorium from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. As a reminder, the Village Hall offices will be closed due to the election.

All voters must provide identification at the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include: a current and valid photo identification card, driver's license or state ID, military identification card, a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address.

To check your voter registration status, simply contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at (216) 443-VOTE or go to [www.443VOTE.com](http://www.443VOTE.com)



### For Sale:

#### **5026 Willowbrook**

Double side by side  
Unit #1: 4 bd/2.5bh  
Unit #2: 2 bd/1.5bh  
Excellent condition and  
updates including A/C.  
\$199,900  
Call (216) 856-1050

#### **4719 E. 71st St**

Updated 4 bedroom, 3  
bath colonial w/finished  
basement, in ground  
sprinkler system, and  
many more amazing  
features. Call (216) 406-  
5126.

#### **4962 East 71<sup>st</sup> St**

4 Bedrooms; 2-bath very  
well maintained home  
1,344 sq. ft. living area  
\$139,500  
Realtor: Remax

#### **4586 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street**

3 Bedrooms; 1-1/2 Baths  
\$150,000  
Call (216) 441-1245  
*home owner selling*

#### **4650 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street**

3 Bedrooms; loft office  
(loft could be made to a 4<sup>th</sup>  
bedroom)  
\$205,000  
1<sup>st</sup> floor master bedroom;  
3-1/2 Baths  
Granite countertops  
throughout; full bar in  
the basement  
Beautiful – move in  
ready!  
Call (216) 409-0057

### For Rent:

#### **7200 Bletch Court,**

Large 2 bedroom,  
modern, open floor plan,  
washer/dryer hookup,  
central air, garage,  
\$750/month plus  
deposit. Pets OK with  
deposit. Call Michael  
(216) 310-4762

## Police Department:

### **Section 618.13: NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED** **Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights**

- (b) Any **dog, cat** or other animal which scratches, digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, plant, shrub, building or any other public or private property, other than that of the owner, keeper or person in charge or control of such dog, cat or other animal, without the permission of the owner of such property, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.
- (c) No person, being the owner or keeper of, or being in charge or control of, any dog, cat or other animal, shall allow or permit such animal to commit a nuisance on any school grounds, Village park or other public property, or upon any private property, other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal, without the permission of the owner of such property. If the owner, keeper or person in charge or control of such animal immediately removes all the feces deposited by such animal and disposes of the same in a sanitary manner, such nuisance shall be considered abated.  
(Ord. 1990-102. Passed 9-26-90.) ***The Fine for this offense is \$150.00.***

***With Deer Season upon us, the Police Department wanted to send out a reminder on the "Rules and Regulations" per ordinance 618.12(b).***

### **Section 618.12: HUNTING** **Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights**

- (b) The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to issue a permit to owners of real property within the Village to permit bow and arrow hunting on the property owner's own property or to a resident of the Village to permit bow and arrow hunting on the property on which the resident resides, provided that the resident provides the Chief of Police written consent of the property owner for hunting on the property. A person to whom a permit is issued may hunt by bow and arrow on other property within the Village with the express permission of the property owner. All hunting must be conducted in compliance with Ohio hunting and game laws.
- (c) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree – ***The Fine for this offense is \$250.00 with a possibility of up to 30 days in jail.***  
Please make sure that you keep your permit with you (along with any permission letter from the property owner).

## Service Department:

### **Leaf Pick Up**

We would like to remind our residents to rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you.

### **Fall Round Up**

It's that time again of the year! Clean out your sheds, garages and basements. Materials accepted are oil or solvent-based paints, sealers, primers, coatings, varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs, spray paint, paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine, pesticides such as bug and rodent killers, weed killers, mold killers, caustic household cleaners, automotive products, tar and driveway sealers, motor oil, mercury, kerosene and gasoline. Call the Village Hall to arrange for your special pick-up on Tuesdays.

## Mill Creek Watershed:

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights has joined the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership!

Photo Left-to-Right

1. Jane Goodman, CRCPO 2. Meiring Borchers, CCBH 3. Anya Kulcsar, Union Miles Development Corp. 4. Elaine Price, CCPC 5. Linda Jordan, Harvard Community Services Center 6. Jane Pierce, Highland Hills 7. Renato Contipelli, Cuyahoga Heights Village 8. Kailey Baca, Trinity H.S. Intern 9. Pat Salemi, Garfield Heights 10. Matt Scharver, NEORS

